

REMARKS


Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 25-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-24 have been cancelled by the present amendment. Claims 1-18 and 20-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fredlund et al. Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fredlund et al. in view of Bourdelais et al. Claims 25-30 were indicated by the Examiner as being allowable over the references of record. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 25-30.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1-18 and 20-24 based on Fredlund et al.; and the rejection of claim 19 based on Fredlund et al. in view of Bourdelais et al., in order to expedite the allowance of the present application, the present amendment cancels claims 1-24 without prejudice. Therefore, the rejections as noted above are no longer applicable. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter of the cancelled claims by way of a continuation application.

In view of the above, claims 25-30 which were indicated by the Examiner as being allowable remain pending in the application. It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice of allowability is therefore requested. If any issues remain that require further consideration, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss these issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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